

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Monoclonal antibodies of the invention can be obtained against various forms of the receptor, including the complete receptor, a particular domain or a peptide characteristic of the ~~aminoacid~~ amino acid sequence of the receptor represented in ~~figure 3~~ Figures 3A and 3B (SEQ ID NO: 4).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Monoclonal antibodies of the invention can for example be prepared against the soluble form of the receptor. A hydrosoluble polypeptide corresponding to the soluble form of the ~~INF-R~~ IFN-R is described ~~on in figure 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2~~ in Figures 2A and 2B (SEQ ID NO: 2).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Other monoclonal antibodies according to the invention can also be prepared against a peptide comprised in the extracellular domain of the receptor as described ~~on figure 2~~ SEQ ID NO: 2 in Figures 2A and 2B (SEQ ID NO: 2). An advantageous peptide corresponds for instance to the ~~aminoacid~~ amino acid sequence comprised between ~~aminoacid~~ amino acid 1 and ~~aminoacid~~ amino acid 229. According to another embodiment of the invention, the antibodies can be prepared against a polypeptide modified by substitution of one or more amino acids, provided that antibodies directed against the ~~non-modified~~ non-modified extracellular domain of the ~~INF-R~~ IFN-R recognize the modified polypeptide or peptide.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

One particular antibody satisfying the requirements of the invention, is such as it directed against an epitope on the amino-acid sequence comprised between ~~amino-acid~~ amino

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